



Corres. and Mail
BOX AF

Image AF11623
PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1623**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Eric DEFRANCQ et al.

Group Art Unit: 1623

Application No.: 09/869,796

Examiner: P. Lewis

Filed: September 19, 2001

Docket No.: 110024

For: FUNCTIONALIZED POLYNUCLEOTIDE COMPOUND, OPTIONALLY MARKED
AND METHOD FOR DETECTING A TARGET NUCLEIC ACID

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the January 14, 2004 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.